

5. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein said device [has means] comprises a controller for controlling the temperature of the fluid medium.

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6. (Amended) A cosmetic method for smoothing out cellulite, wherein a defined regional, [especially sub-regional,] transdermal pressure of 10 to 30 kg per cm² of skin is exerted on an area of skin to be treated [with 1 to 50 kg per cm² of skin and, if appropriate, this process is repeated at least once].

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pressure is exerted by [means of] a fluid medium.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fluid medium is air or water [is used as the fluid medium].

9. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of claims] claim 6 [through 8], wherein the pressure is exerted without contact with a fixed surface.

10. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pressure is exerted mechanically by [means of] pressing a shaped article [being pressed] on the area of skin to be treated.

11. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein [a] the shaped article [with] has a diameter of between 1 and 15 cm[, preferably between 2 and 5 cm, is used].

12. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10 [or 11], wherein the shaped article [used has a means] comprises a controller for controlling the applied pressure.

- A4 13. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of claims 10 through 12] claim 10, wherein the surface of the shaped article has knob-like raised areas [and/]or pit-shaped depressions or both knob-like raised areas and pit-shaped depressions.

14. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of claims] claim 10 [through 13], wherein [a roller is used as] the shaped article is a roller.

16. (Amended) The method as claimed in [one of claims] claim 10 [through 15], wherein the skin is pre-treated with an agent which increases [increased] lubrication[, in particular with a massage oil].

17. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the pressure is mechanical pressure and is exerted by an vibrating body which has a frequency of between 5 Hz and 20 kHz.

18. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the frequency of the vibrating body is regulated [in such a way that] to produce resonance effects [occur] with [the] restoring forces of [the] tissue.

19. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the region of the body to be treated is incorporated in elastic or nonelastic material or is covered with [this] said material.

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21. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein an alternating voltage is applied to [a rhythmic compression of] the area of skin to be treated [is produced by applying an alternating voltage] to produce a rhythmic compression of the area of skin to be treated.

Please add the following new claims.

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22. The method of claim 6, wherein said regional transdermal pressure is sub-regional transdermal pressure of 10 - 30 kg per cm² of skin.
24. The method of claim 6, wherein the method is repeated at least once.
25. The method of claim 11, wherein the diameter is between about 2 and about 5 cm.
26. The method of claim 16, wherein the agent is a massage oil. --

REMARKS

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP99/00153. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 6 is found in the translation of the Annex to the Preliminary Examination Report. Applicants request entry of the forgoing amendments.